

St. Paul Lutheran Smithville



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

**Confession and Forgiveness*

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C: Amen.

**Gathering Hymn: "I Will Call upon the Lord"*

**I will call upon the Lord
who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.**

**The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
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**Greeting & Call to Worship*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

A: When we long for your presence,
C: you are there with us, O source of comfort.

A: When we face dangers and perils,
C: you are there for us, O source of strength.

A: When we need to do justice,

C: you are there within us, O source of courage.

A: So we come with songs and praises,

C: trusting that you are here with us now, as you have promised that you are.

P: Let us praise God!

C: Amen

****Prayer of the Day***

A: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

**C: you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray,
and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve.
Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those
things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those
good things that come only through your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

First Reading: Hosea 1:2-10

²When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and have children of prostitution, for the land commits great prostitution by forsaking the LORD.” ³So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴ And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel, for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

⁵ On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."

⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. ⁷ But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen."

⁸ When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹ Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

¹⁰ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered, and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 85

R: Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**C: You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.**

R: You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

**C: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us.**

R: Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**C: Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?**

R: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

**C: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**

R: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**C: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

R: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**C: The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**

R: Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-19

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

R: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the book of Luke the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

****Gospel Reading:*** Luke 11:1-13

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Pastor Kristy Buyok

**Hymn of the Day: "Ask the Complicated Questions"*



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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The Apostle's Creed

A: Together, let us confess our shared faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic (*universal*) church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers*

A: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: Loving God, inspire your church to pray seek closer relationship with you and to walk in your ways. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's love and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience the blessings of faith. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant peace on earth and restoration of your created things. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We ask your special care for Ken, Betsy, Jared, Dave, Lorinda, Bob, Annette, Pat and Karen. We also pray for the St. Paul families of the week: Chad, Adrienne, Brooke, Faith, and Alexis. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in your kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

**Offertory: # 752 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Repeat

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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**Offertory Prayer*

P: Let us pray.

**C: We thank you for all the blessings you have given to us.
Use these gifts we offer as a sign of our gratitude
and in order to glorify you in this place.
In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving:*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

You stand with those who suffer,
offering them strength.

You give a mission and purpose
to your people.

You turn fear into hope by your very presence.

Therefore we join our praise and prayer with all those on Earth
and in heaven as we say:

**C: Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are you, our Savior and Lord!**

****Words of Institution***

P: Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude
as we pray the prayer you taught us:

****The Lord's Prayer***

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Holy Communion

(All baptized Christians are welcomed at God's holy meal.)

P: This is the body of Christ given for you.

(You may eat your wafer)

P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

(You may drink the wine from your cup)

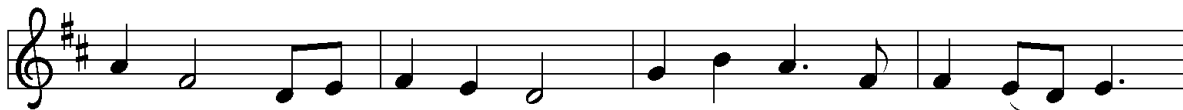
C: *Thanks be to God!*

Communion Hymn: “You Are the Rock of My Salvation”

**You are the rock of my salvation,
you are the strength of my life.
You are my hope and my inspiration;
Lord, unto you will I cry.
I believe in you, believe in you,
for your faithful love to me.
You have been my help in time of need;
Lord, unto you will I cleave.
You are the rock of my salvation,
you are the strength of my life.**

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Communion Hymn: # 479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast"



- 1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
- 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
- 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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**Post Communion Blessing*

**Benediction*

****Sending Hymn: # 881 “Let All Things Now Living”***

- 1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

- 2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

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****Dismissal***

A: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Your Prayers Are Requested For:

***Ken, Jared, Betsy, Dave, Lorinda, Bob, Annette, Pat, and Karen
Fisher***

St. Paul Families of the week:

Chad, Adrienne, Brooke, and Faith Karlen, and Alexis Melvin

Thank you to those serving this morning

Pastor: Rev. Kristy Buyok

Cantor: Lesley Mast

Assisting Minister: Hans Kwee

Lector: Pam Root

Pianist: Joe Hennell

Communion Assistant: Duane Eggeman

Altar Care: Tim Preston

Ushers/Greeters: Steve & Nancy Carr

Bread Baker: Lesley Mast



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This Week

Sunday:	Worship Church Picnic	9:30 a.m.
Monday:	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	
Wednesday:	Wednesday Meal	5:30 p.m.
Next Sunday:	Worship	9:30 a.m.

Upcoming & Announcements



Church Picnic Today!! Stay for food and Summer fun!!

Parents of Youth & Kids Meeting: Following Worship on August 10, there will be a brief meeting to go over schedules for youth activities taking place over the school year. Please meet in the room across from the nursery.

Blanket Sunday & Quilt Dedication: On August 31, during our Worship service we will ask God's blessing on donated blankets and the quilts lovingly made by our quilters throughout the year. The quilts will be sent to Lutheran World Relief as well as to local hospitals and charities. If you would like to donate, please bring in any new or gently used blankets, baby blankets, or afghans.

People to People: School is out, kids are home, needs are great, so here's what you can give to People to People: 16 oz. peanut butter, pasta sides, canned peaches, applesauce, 5-6 oz. canned chicken and cat food.

The toy department needs paper towels, spray cleaner, liquid cleaner, Mr. Clean foaming Magic erasers, and dish soap. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Scan the QR code to view our website or to donate thru Paypal.

Wednesday Night Meals

July 30 – Ham & cheese subs, chips, macaroni salad and dessert

Serving in August In-Person	8/3	8/10	8/17	8/24	8/31
Lay Reader	Lynn Moomaw	Zach Mast	Lyn Miller	Heather Blough	Hans Kwee
Assisting Minister	Lynn Moomaw	Hans Kwee	Pam Root	Aleena Mast	Adrienne Karlen
Greeters/ Ushers	Bob Race & Pat Badger	Duane & Robin Eggeman	Jerry Meitzler Ernie Buyok	Alvin Rehm Tim Preston	Rex Raff Jason Mast
Communion Assistant	Nancy Carr	Tim Preston	Ernie Buyok	Alvin Rehm	Lynn Moomaw
Altar Care	Jerry Meitzler	Rex & Beth Raff	Larry & Sandy Allen	Lyn Miller	Zach Mast Tim Preston
Bread Baker	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr	Nancy Carr

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